

## TOWN OF GROTON

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### MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2006

Town Hall, Groton, Massachusetts

#### Board of Health Members Present:

Robert Hanninen, Chairman; Dr. Susan Horowitz

#### Member Absent:

Jason Weber

#### Others Present:

Debra Butcher

#### Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Hanninen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

#### Septic Permits Signed/Approved:

None

#### Bills Signed/Approved:

- \*ApparelMaster-\$77.28
- \*Groton Electric Light Dept. -\$163.05
- \*Groton Electric Light Dept. -\$44.38
- \*Groton Electric Light Dept. -\$6.97
- \*Pete's Tires-\$825.00
- \*Shattuck Oil-\$243.90
- \*Shattuck Oil-\$533.23
- \*Verizon (SW)-\$18.30
- \*Verizon Long Distance (SW)-\$.22
- \*WB Mason-\$78.95
- \*Verizon Long Distance (BOH)-\$.28
- \*Verizon (BOH)-\$37.88

284 Whiley Road: Present: Jack Visniewski, P.E., Cornerstone Land Consultants; Robert & Judith Anderson, 270 Whiley Road

Mr. Visniewski presented an engineering plan for a septic upgrade for this site. He stated that the dwelling was a "cottage-type" house, built in the early 1940's and set far back from the roadway.

Mr. Visniewski stated his client wants to replace the existing two-bedroom dwelling with a new two-bedroom house. He stated that soil

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testing was conducted and the engineering plan was designed to keep the system within the existing

disturbed area. He requested the following variances:

### Town of Groton's Local Regulations

Section I.E.1 - Leaching facilities (including the proposed expansion area) must be located at least one hundred (100) feet from any wetland, water course, wetland vegetation, seasonal streams and drainage ditches. *100 feet required; 87' provided.*

Section I.E.1 - Allow the leaching area to be less than the required 100 feet from the isolated wet area. *100 feet required; 77' provided.*

### Town of Groton's Well Regulations

#### Section VI: Distances

To allow the distance from the well and pond to be 56' instead of 100'.

To allow the distance between the well and property line to be 26' instead of 50'.

To allow the distance between the well and leaching area to be 75' instead of 100'.

Member Horowitz stated the existing well must be abandoned according to the Town's Well Regulations and recommended that the Zoning Board of Appeals and Building Inspector be notified in order to follow the proper steps with zoning issues. Dr. Horowitz stated that she could not vote on the requested variances until she had an opportunity to review the plan with the Board's Health Agent and to visit the site. Dr. Horowitz recommended that the applicant obtain documentation from the Water Department on the location of town water.

Chairman Hanninen questioned whether the engineer had considered the use of "innovative designs" for this site. Mr. Visniewski stated that they had but felt it didn't have a significant effect on the requested variances. He stated that it was his intention to preserve as much of the natural area as possible. He stated that he would discuss it with the Board's Health Agent.

Member Horowitz questioned whether the engineer had considered installing some type of barrier in order to provide additional separation between items for which they were seeking variances to (i.e. septic system to well, septic system to wetlands). Mr. Visniewski stated that he had not considered these would also discuss this with the Board's Health Agent.

Abutter Robert Anderson stated that he supported the plan as designed considering the site constraints the engineering was working with.

Member Horowitz requested that the engineer keep the septic system as far away from the lake as possible. She urged the engineer to contact the Zoning Board because the dwelling had been vacated for at least three years. Chairman Hanninen recommended that the engineer keep the system further away from the pond than the well.

Member Horowitz made a motion to continue the hearing until Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 8pm. The motion was approved.

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### OTHER BUSINESS

#### 95 Main Street – Present: Mrs. Weinberg (on behalf of property owner Mrs. Rizvi)

Chairman Hanninen reported that the Board of Health was in receipt of the housing inspection conducted by the Board's Health Agent on December 21, 2005. He stated that the property owner was unavailable to meet with the Board of Health at its meeting on January 3, 2006. The Board voted to continue the meeting to Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:30pm.

#### 366 Lost Lake Drive

The Board voted to send the order letter, drafted by Town Counsel, to Mr. Johnson explaining the options the Board of Health has under the violations of the State Sanitary Code.

2005 Town Report

The Board voted to approve the 2005 Town Report as written.

FY07 Budgets

Board of Health – The Board voted to accept the FY07 budget as written.

Solid Waste – The Board voted to accept the FY07 budget with an amendment to the cost of the proposed new baler. The Board asked that the amount be increased from \$55K to \$57K to allow for 15% contingency costs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

GROTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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Robert Hanninen  
Chairman

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Dr. Susan Horowitz

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Jason Weber

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra A. Butcher